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In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Claim 1 (Cancel).

Claim 2 (currently amended). The An inhibitor of HMG-CoA reductase, according to claim 1, having a structure selected from the group consisting of:

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Claim 3 (currently amended). The compound, according to claim 4 2, wherein said compound has a structure selected from the group consisting of:

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Claim 4 (currently amended). The compound, according to claim 12, wherein said compound has a structure selected from the group consisting of:

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Claim 5 (Cancel).

Claim 6 (currently amended). The A pharmaceutical composition, according to claim 5, wherein said composition comprises a pharmaceutical carrier and a compound has having a structure selected from the group consisting of:

n=0-3

and salts thereof.

COOR "OH

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Claim 7 (currently amended). The pharmaceutical composition, according to claim 5_6, wherein said compound has a structure selected from the group consisting of:

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Claim 8 (currently amended): The <u>pharmaceutical</u> composition, according to claim 5 6, wherein said compound has a structure selected from the group consisting of:

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Claim 9 (Cancel).

Claim 10 (currently amended). The method, according to claim 9, A method for inhibiting HMG-CoA reductase in an individual in need of such treatment wherein said method comprises administering to said individual a compound wherein said compound has a structure selected from the group consisting of:

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Claim 11 (currently amended): The method, according to claim 9 10, wherein said compound has a structure selected from the group consisting of:

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Claim 12 (currently amended). The method, according to claim [9] 10, wherein said compound has a structure selected from the group consisting of:

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Claim 13 (currently amended). The method, according to claim 9 10, wherein the individual is a human.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The method, according to claim 9 10, wherein said method is used to lower cholesterol levels.